

**CLAIMS**

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10. (previously presented) A bucket carrier made from rubber sheet material

comprising:

a central strip with a left end and a right end;

a left front band portion with a left front band upper edge integral with the left end of the central strip, a left front band lower edge, a left front band free end, and a left rear band portion integral with the central strip and the left front band portion;

a right front band portion with a right front band upper edge integral with the right end of the central strip, a right front band lower edge, a right front band free end, and a right rear band portion integral with the central strip and the right front band portion;

a left joint connecting the left front band free end to the left rear band portion to form a left bucket band with a frustoconical left bucket receiving passage;

a right joint connecting the right band free end to the right rear portion to form a right bucket band with a frustoconical right bucket receiving passage;

a left upper tongue integral with a left bucket band upper edge; and

a right upper tongue integral with a right bucket band upper edge.

11. (previously presented) A bucket carrier, as set forth in claim 10, including a left lower tongue integral with a left bucket band lower edge, and a right lower tongue integral with a right bucket band lower edge.

12. (previously presented) A bucket carrier, as set forth in claim 10, including a first anti-abrasion flap integral with the left bucket band lower edge, and a second anti-abrasion flap integral with the right bucket band lower edge.